

District 33 Business Meeting Minutes, February 12, 2017

Attendees: Tom A, Tim Z, Rick H, George D, Pam C, Stanley H, Will F, Phil C, Merritt S, Caroline L, Jesse Y, Gray F, Lauren C, Christine B, Theresa K, Chip A, Anne A, Paul M, David F, Kay H, Bruce M, Scott U, Chip S, Brittany L, Mark G, Henry K, Fred.

Committee Reports:

The February meeting minutes are accepted as distributed (Note—George didn't get the minutes last month; he has been added to the email list.)

DCM - Tom Anderson

- Tom met with Anne about the telephone answering service. They talked about switching the lines over to the Raleigh Intergroup Helpline.
- He visited Sisters in Sobriety on Thursday. He also visited Saint Mark's in Burlington to prepare for the preconference.
- The Winter Committee Meeting was March 4 and 5. Tom worked on his subcommittee assignment concerning redistricting. You will be hearing more about this at the Area Assembly.
- The area acknowledges they did get our contribution, but the area treasurer is no longer in Raleigh; it's a Burlington address now. (I have changed the address at the bottom of these notes.)
- One of things to come out of the Winter Committee Meeting was a service guideline on the "Three Ps," which we will be reviewing at the assembly? (Policies, Practices and Procedures)
- The preconference is where we meet with our area delegate before he or she goes to the general service conference in New York. There are three of these in the state, and ours is the Central Region. It's an excellent opportunity for you to have your voice heard.

Alt. DCM - Lauren Cioe

- Lauren also went to the area committee meeting and says "It's depleting and inspiring." (Some were there from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Lots of people work together to achieve a lot in a short amount of time.)
- GSO is requesting information about how many homegroup members are in each group. Get me your best number and Lauren will get it to the area registrar.
- There is a new feature on the AA.org website for a reoccurring contribution. It's a little bit cumbersome to sign up for, but Lauren did it. This is a new way we can give to GSO without having to remember.
- The state convention needs some support. Lauren has fliers. Staying at the host hotel is important.
- Lauren also has the area treasurer's report. It can be found on the Area 51 website under "Information for members": login - 33; password - howitworks. Conference fliers, minutes from meetings, and budgets are also accessible on the site.
- She will be co-facilitating a discussion at the Area Assembly, the third weekend in May about "How to be a Good GSR."
- New GSRs and alternate GSRs, please give Lauren your contact info.
- We don't have numbers, but convention attendance is down, and they are trying to do things to make these events more compelling.
- May 19, 20, and 21 will be the assembly. You can find items voting items for it on the Area 51 website.

Telephone Answering Service—Anne A

We had concerns in January about how we were going to make the switch to the intergroup answering service. We wondered how long we were going to let the old service run concurrently with the new one. We learned that the Raleigh Intergroup service had been in operation for years, and it is working fine. We had budgeted \$1200 dollars to the effort. We decided to choose March 16 instead of 15 to stop the old service—for Shakespeare fans.

However, Anne did call the new number one day and got a message saying that the service was down. After Anne called George, she discovered the flip phone that gets passed around needed to be reprogrammed, and it was done the same day. It is hard to know how long the service was down. The Raleigh Intergroup representatives seemed to be on top of things, and the members of District 33 who have interacted with them have a great deal of trust in them.

To get the old helpline number transferred is not a big deal. We will still have an account (with the old service provider), and they will drop our bill to \$48 per billing period. The old number will be forwarded to the Raleigh Intergroup service. Our budget should allow us to carry that number through 2017. We do have that number printed in phonebooks. We are also paying \$130/month for those phone listings.

The next thing we need to do is get groups to participate in the new answering service. Please contact Tom, and he will give you George's contact information. Please inform Tom and Anne if your group is going to volunteer to answer calls. Several groups' GSRs mention that their groups are prepared to participate. Please resend your information if you already have. Groups only need three volunteers, but six is better.

CPCPI Coordinator - Ed McGrath

Ed is not present.

Corrections - Rick Holopainen

For dollar and book values of correctional donations, consult Rick's correctional committee accounting report, which are distributed alongside the minutes.

We had good representation at the corrections conference in Aberdeen. Saturday there were 250 people present, so attendance was higher this year. People came from all over the country, because NC is a model state for our community volunteer program. One of Rick's favorite things is the panels they have. In one on transitioning, he got to hear stories about how people found AA and what they're doing now. Ken, who is our delegate, gave a talk about the preconference. You can talk to Rick if you want to know more, and Tom has a flier. The posters are going well, and Rick went to the Sisters in Sobriety anniversary meeting with inmates. Rick would like to thank everyone for the success of "coins for cons," and we have collected over \$8,000 in the year we have been doing it. Houston collected \$45,000 last year.

Grapevine - George D

Rick volunteered to help George set up at the Sisters in Sobriety Anniversary meeting. George is going to the Burlington Group anniversary tonight. Any group that is having an anniversary, or any other group event, let him know. He will come and set up the Grapevine display. We'll try to get the Grapevine out more like it used to be and hope to get our sales up.

Website - Jim Horne

Not present

Treatment - Stanley Hurlston

Stanley purchased some books for the local treatment facilities meetings. He wants to get up to Butner with Tom's group for the end of the month to see if they need any assistance. The facilities are all full, and some of them are bringing clients out to local meetings. One guy is getting released from prison this afternoon, and he'll be speaking at BPW club?

Treasurer's Report - Pam Clarke

For the website, we approved a motion to pay for Bluehost web hosting, we had not budgeted for that. We have spent \$1000 on the website this month. There is a negative amount this year, but this expenditure is for three years. We have added \$28 to the Grapevine budget, because more money was found. Two committee chairs have asked for 100 percent of their budgets and we haven't had 100 percent of contributions. We have taken in a little bit of money that was left over from last year's preconference. Pam is trying to hold on to money, because we don't know how much the preconference is going to cost. Ed asked for 100 percent of his book budget, as well, for books and the quadfolds he printed. We are going to be OK on funds, but we were \$600 into our prudent reserve in February, and have had more expenses since then. Our district spends \$75 per year on the preconference, and Pam gave that to Tom. We collected \$485 plus our \$75, and we've spent \$260 of that.

Old Business

HOSTING THE CENTRAL PRE CONFERENCE April 8th

Paul M has been gracious to do a lot of work to get quotes on food from barbecue places for the preconference, and that option will be more expensive than anticipated. Instead we're going to sign up to donate food. Tom asks the district if they're prepared to support that. We'd need food for around 150 people. Phil and Merritt are going to set up signs. People are suggested to get to the venue around 10 a.m. to help set up, and the meeting starts at noon. The church kitchen has enough room to store cold and hot items. We need a lot of food. We already have drinks, sweet tea, etc., thanks to Paul.

New Business

Since the preconference will be April 8, it is proposed that we cancel the April 9 business meeting. Several options for changing our meeting dates for April and May are discussed. A motion is made that we don't cancel the meeting in April but cancel the May meeting per usual, for Mother's day. The motion passes; **Our next business meeting will be April 9.**

Caroline L presents Concept III.

Tim Z will present Concept IV next month.

Announcements

- The Women of Gratitude 6th anniversary will be the last Thursday in March.
- The Burlington Group is celebrating its 75th anniversary tonight. There will be a speaker at 6.
- The Crystal Coast Roundup will be March 24, 25, and 26
- The Area Assembly will be May 20 and 21.
- The Rule 62 meeting will have an old timers' breakfast this Saturday with a panel discussion.
- Our next District 33 business meeting will be April 9. **We will not meet in May.**

The meeting was closed with the AA Responsibility Statement.

Contributions:

District Contributions

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Note: If you provide your email address, a confirmation will be sent to you.

Area 51 Contributions

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